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the most extreme type and therefore much disliked by the Federalists and men of mere moderate views. That very biased and untrustworthy—so called historian Senator Henry Cabot Lodge spoke of him as “an old ruffian.” He was just about as much a ruffian as Senator Lodge is a truthful historian, as Dr. Anderson’s work clearly demonstrates. He never hesitated to speak out plainly; he was a hard hitter, but this son of old Amelia in Virginia was as well bred a gentleman as any Massachusetts ever produced in all her history, and a far abler Statesman than she has ever produced since the days of the Adams. We do not count Webster as a Massachusetts man following the Senator’s method of placing talent, as per his Century article on distribution of talent between North and South. We commend Dr. Anderson’s book to the reading public, as able, impartial and well written. Every Virginian should have it in his library, and every man who wants the facts of American political history should own it. We hope it is but the beginning of Dr. Anderson’s contributions to Virginia history.

Jones’ Blackstone—By William Carey Jones, Director of the Law School of Jurisprudence, University of California. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco, Publishers. 1915. Published in two Editions: Students’ Edition, Buckram Binding, 2 volumes, Price \$9.00; De Luxe Edition, Oxford Bible Paper, Flexible Black Morocco Binding, 2 volumes, Price \$15.00.

The famous commentaries on the laws of England, by Sir William Blackstone, Kt, should be the foundation of every course of legal study. There is no part of the law that is not dealt with by Blackstone, nor is there a subject mentioned by him that a successful lawyer need not know, and will not regret it if he does not know. As has been said, Blackstone anticipated almost every topic to which the attention of scientific jurists and writers has since been led. Turning then to this new, up-to-date, and much needed edition, we would mention the following merits: The text, complete and attractively printed; the notes, showing modifications of the common law; the extracts from writings of acknowledged authorities on many branches of the law; the statutes, mentioned in text and notes giving titles and dates; the division into sections, enabling ready reference; the full outline and exhaustive table of contents and index; and the translation of all Latin and foreign terms, phrases and maxims. These and many other features distinguish this valuable edition from all others. In conclusion, let us say that it is a storehouse of legal knowledge for the student, and one to which the successful lawyer may recur to make up in mature life, imperfectly though it may be, the omissions of his early training.

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